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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 8979

E. O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DIS-  
CRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

REF: A) STQTE 205092, B) STATE 204786

1. THE AMBASSADOR IN THE COURSE OF A PREVIOUSLY  
SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER THIS  
MORNING (AUG. 15) TO DISCUSS THE RECENT ASEAN-US  
DIALOGUE IN WASHINGTON TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY  
OUR AIDE MEMOIRE ON THIS CONFERENCE TO THE LATTER.  
THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT WE WERE NOT ATTENDING  
THE SUBJECT CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AND WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED  
THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS LINKING ZIONISM AND RACISM WOULD ONLY  
EXACERBATE THE SITUATION. FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN REPLIED  
THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE "SENSITIVITY" OF  
THIS MATTER. (EMBOFF HAD DELIVERD ADVANCE COPY  
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OF AIDE MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT PER RETELS TO MFA  
WORKING LEVEL OFFICERS AUGUST 14.)

2. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH MALAYSIA DOES NOT PARTICULARLY  
LIKE BEING DRAWN INTO THE ZIONISM-RACISM DEBATE,  
ITS PRO-ARAB FOREIGN POLICY HAS IMPELLED IT TO  
ACQUIESCE IN SUCH FORMULATIONS WHEN SUPPORTED BY

THE "MAINSTREAM" OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD. WE  
BELIEVE NONETHLESS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO CON-  
TINUE EMPHASIZING OUR CONCERNS ON THIS IN HOPE  
THAT THE MALAYSIANS AND OTHER RELATIVELY MODERATE  
ISLAMIC NATIONS MAY AT SOME POINT ASSERT THEM-  
SELVES TO OPPOSE SUCH DAMAGING LINKAGES.  
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